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## LUNA ACCEPTS POSITION BEGINNING IN 2015

BOISE – Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna has accepted a new position with a national non-profit, beginning in early 2015.

Superintendent Luna will serve as vice president of policy, advocacy and research for Project Lead the Way, the nation's leading provider of K-12 STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs and teacher training.

"My focus and priority today continues to be the children of Idaho," said Superintendent Luna. "There are several major initiatives that need continued attention such as teacher quality and pay through a new tiered system of licensure and a well-funded career ladder, technology implementation to increase access throughout Idaho, dual credit opportunities for all high school students and ensuring students are reading proficiently by the time they exit third grade. These are my highest priorities as I finish my second-term as State Superintendent of Public Instruction."

As vice president of policy, advocacy, and research, Superintendent Luna will oversee a team focused on advancing federal, state, and local policies, as well as research initiatives that support STEM growth across the United States. Superintendent Luna will oversee four regional directors, as well as a team of policy analysts and researchers.

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